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In re Patent application of :
Knut Beekman et al. : Group Art Unit 2823
Serial No. 09/548,014 : Examiner M. Estrada
Filed April 12, 2000 :
A METHOD OF DEPOSITING A LAYER

REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION¹

Honorable Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the non-final Office Action dated November 5, 2002. However, the Office Action contains a number of substantive errors, and accordingly, issuance of a new non-final Office Action is requested.

Specifically, item (4) of the Office Action Summary indicates that Claims 4, 6-10 and 13-16 are pending in the application. However, Claims 4, 6-10 and 13-17 are pending in the application.

Further, page 2 of the Office Action indicates that Claims 1-4, 11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. ¶102. However, Claims 1, 2, 3 and 11 are no

¹ This is NOT a response on the merits to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002

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longer pending in the application, and it is thus unclear whether the Examiner has considered the previous amendments to Claim 4.

Still further, there is no indication in the Office Action that Claim 17 has been examined.

For at least the reasons stated above, early issuance of a new non-final Office Action (with a restarted period for response) is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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